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PROJECT

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1. RTG HAS SIGNED A US DOLS 31 MILLION CONTRACT WITH A CONSORTIUM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SATHORN BRIDGE WHICH WILL LINK BANGKOK AND THONBURI. THE CONSORTIUM IS MADE UP OF ITALIAN THAI DEVELOPMENT, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLIQUE, AND ITALVIE S.P.A. CONTRACT SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1978.
2. THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT CONSORTRIA WHICH SUBMITTED BIDS FOR THE PROJECT. THEY WERE: A. ITALIAN THAI DEVELOPMENT, DRAGAGES ET TRAVAUX PUBLIQUE AND ITALVIE S.P.A. (BID OF US DOLS 32.1 MILLION); B. OBAYASHI GUMI AND SUMITOMO OF JAPAN (BID OF US DOLS 32.4 MILLION); AND C. KOREA SUKNAK INDUSTRIES (BID OF US DOLS 43 MILLION). ALL BIDS ARE OVER THE BUDGET ALLOCATED BY RTG. RTG NEGOTIATED WITH THE TWO LOWEST BIDDERS AND FINALLY AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO ITALIAN THAI CONSORTIUM AT THE PRICE OF US DOLS 31 MILLION.

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3. RTG WILL FINANCE THE PROJECT WITH THE TOTAL ALLOCATION OF US DOLS 15.1 MILLION, WHILE THE REST OF THE MONEY WILL BE LOANED BY OECF OF JAPAN. THE TOTAL COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE COST OF THE BRIDGE, ROAD MODIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND OTHER EXPENSES WILL BE US DOLS 50.6 MILLION. ABRAMOWITZ

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